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SUBJ: 5TH UN CONGRESS ON THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND THE TREAT OF
OFFENDERS-ALLIANCE OF NGO'S PROGRAM ON WOMEN IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE,
SEPT 5, 1975, A.M.

1. PANELISTS FROM U.S.,BULGARIA,CANADA,FINLAND,KENYA,SWEDEN AND
ZAMBIA REPORTED ON THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE CRIMINAL
JUSTICE SYSTEM IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AND MADE GENERAL
OBSERVATIONS ON THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF FEMALE PARTICIPATION IN THE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

2. ALL PANELISTS AGREED THAT WOMEN SHOULD PARTICIPATE EQUALLY WITH
MEN IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. DESPITE THE LACK
OF DATA, ALL TENTATIVELY CONCLUDED THAT WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM WOULD HAVE NO GENERAL EFFECT ATTRIBUTABLE
TO SEX. DELS FROM KENYA AND SWEDEN, HOWEVER, SUGGESTED THAT
WOMEN WOULD HAVE APARTICULARLY BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON JUVENILE
AND DOMESTIC CASES AND THAT THERE MIGHT BE A SIMILARLY GOOD EFFECT
IF WOMEN HANDLED CERTAIN TYPES OF CASES SUCH AS RAPE.

3. THE DIVISIONS BETWEEN SOCIALIST NATIONS, THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES
AND THE WESTERN BLOC WERE AGAIN EVIDENT. SPECIFICALLY BULGARIA
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AND ZAMBIA REPORTED A REDUCTION OF FEMALE CRIMINALITY ATTRIBU-

TABLE TO THEIR SOCIAL SYSTEM AND AN ABSOLUTE EQUALITY FOR WOMEN IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. U.S. AND CANADA REPORTED INCREASES IN FEMALE CRIMINALITY AND LIMITED PARTICIPATION BY WOMEN IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS.

4. ALL PANELISTS WERE FEMALE AND HELD HIGH RANKING POSTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONS. THE PANEL WAS CHAIRED BY DR. FRED A ADLER U.S. CONSULTANT TO THE SECT. RAPPORTEUR WAS US DEL (BACON). ABRAMS

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